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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Leach

Serial No. 09/591,258

Filed: June 9, 2000

For: Method and System for Monitoring  
and Transmitting Utility Status via  
Universal Communications Interface

Art Unit: 2181

Examiner: Lee, C.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time under §1.136 and 1.17(a) to file the Appeal Brief enclosed herewith. The Appeal Brief is timely filed within the time allowed for reply to the action from which the appeal was taken. In the present case, the Appeal Brief is responsive to the Office Action dated May 13, 2004. A check in the amount of \$215.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a two-month extension.

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